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Nelson Senior Earns Award

FABER — The Monroe Institute of Faber has announced that Jonathan Page is the recipient of its first Opportunity Scholarship.

A senior of Nelson County High School, Page was chosen from a field of highly qualified candidates for the \$2,500 annual award. Institute Director Nancy McMoneagle added, "Provided that he lives up to the expectations that engendered the original award, a total of \$10,000 will be provided over his college career."

The criteria for The Monroe Institute Opportunity Scholarship includes a minimum 3.0 scholastic average in the senior high school year and demonstration of qualities such as leadership, creativity, responsibility, maturity, communication skills, financial acumen, as well as academic achievement.

The Monroe Institute, a research and education organization, is dedicated to enhancing human performance at all levels of endeavor. Its mission is carried out through educational programs which attract participants from all over the world to learn how to enhance their functioning.

The research laboratory conducts studies in the use of sound wave patterns to accelerate learning.

Scholarship offered to high school seniors

Applications are now being accepted for the 1992 Monroe Institute Opportunity Scholarship.

The \$10,000 award is granted annually to a graduating Nelson County High School senior. Recipients of the scholarship, who receive \$2,500 a year for four years, must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better each year during college.

Students may apply who live in Nelson County and have attended Nelson County High School throughout their high school careers. Selection criteria also includes demonstration of unusual talent and ability in one of more of the following areas: physical, social or life sciences; engineering, mathematics,

music, fine arts, literature, leadership, creativity, teaching, personal and social communication skills, responsibility and integrity, mental maturity and financial acumen.

Candidates must also: know the career they wish to pursue, not be involved in drug or alcohol abuse, require financial assistance in order to continue their education, and have achieved a 3.0 or better grade point average for the senior high school year.

Interested students may request an application for the Monroe Institute Opportunity Scholarship from the office of the principal at Nelson County High School. Deadline for completed applications is May 1, 1992.

Monroe Institute honors Bowman with top honor

By Valerie Davis
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The 1992 Monroe Institute Opportunity Scholarship has been awarded to recent Nelson County High School graduate Todd Bowman and this event was celebrated by a luncheon June 15 to honor the award recipient and his parents.

The Faber resident is a talented visual artist in the mediums of sculpture, wood carving, and painting. He is also an accomplished musician.

Bowman will enter Virginia Commonwealth University this fall and major in visual arts education. His plans for the future include earning a master's degree and teaching visual arts at a state university. His ultimate goal is to be an animator for Walt Disney film productions.

Founder Robert Monroe and institute members Leslie France and Nancy McMoneagle saw a demonstration of Bowman's works, including a mahogany carving and several pencil sketches.

The Opportunity Scholar-

ship year. They must also demonstrate financial need in order to attend college and must not engage in alcohol or drug use.

Twelve candidates applied for this year's scholarship. The selection commission included Monroe Institute representative Leslie France, high school principal Allen Sprinkle, school board chairman John Pollock, former county administrator Jeff Johnson, and county treasurer Marvin Davis.

The Opportunity Scholarship was established by The Monroe Institute in 1990 in an effort to give something back to the community that will have a positive impact on the future. Officials say the acknowledgement and support of some of the brightest and most talented graduates is one way to achieve this end.

In addition, the Institute hopes to encourage other businesses to "jump on the scholarship bandwagon" with awards of their own.

This is already taking place, according to Allen Sprinkle, who notes the award has been "an incentive for the addition of a number of new scholarships."

Nelson County has been the

home to The Monroe Institute for almost 15 years.

During this time the Institute, along with its sister corporation, Interstate Industries of Lovington, has become a major industry in the county, employing twenty-seven people.

The Monroe Institute attracts more than 800 people a year to its educational and research center four miles east of Nellysford.

Approximately 20 percent of its visitors come from beyond the borders of the U.S., including Europe, England, Australia, Japan, and South America.

• **Miles Pearce** of Nelson County High School has received the 1996 Monroe Institute Opportunity Scholarship. The institute, a non-profit educational and research organization based in Nelson County, has since 1990 awarded a four-year scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 annually to one member of the graduating class at Nelson County High. Pearce will attend Wesleyan University.